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his amicability, he commanded great respect—often being called upon to work as the intermediary between political parties.

Tun Jose was a close personal friend of mine. He and his lovely wife Tan Ana were always there to be of service to the people of Humatak and to demonstrate that village's hospitality. I will miss him. The people of Humatak will miss him. Adios Tun Jose.

HONORING JAMES J. DRADDY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, there are people who accomplish so much that even when viewed over the course of a lifetime, it seems larger than life.

Jim Draddy is such a person. He left Manhattan College in 1942 and joined the war effort, serving in the Army Signal Corps doing cryptanalysis on German and Japanese codes.

He left the service in 1946 and went into the music business at Columbia Records. There, in 1954, he rose to become National Director of Promotion. Between 1956 and 1975 he served as Sales Manager for Philco, Magnavox, Motorola and Packard Bell and for the next six years he was Vice President of Liberty Music.

He then moved from bringing music to people's ears to using his golden tongue as Director of Public Relations for the New York Medical School from 1981 to 1984 and then brought his talent to Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center as Director of Public Affairs from 1984 to 1996. He then served for two more years as Consultant for Public Affairs.

But Jim did not limit himself to mere work. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Daytop Village, a member of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, a member of Community Board #12, a Board Member of the Dominican Sisters in Ossining, and, of course, a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Westchester.

He and his wife Patricia have seven children and nine grandchildren. Jim has been a great and dear friend of mine for many years. A retirement party is usually joyous, but for me, and all Jim's colleagues, our joy in knowing him is tempered by his leaving. We can only wish him well.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1141,
1999 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. DIANA DeGETTE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DeGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for the true emergency spending contained in this conference agreement: Adequate funding for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) military actions

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in Kosovo; support for operating loans for America's farms and farm workers, who are trying to provide food for our tables without going bankrupt; relief for our Central American neighbors who were devastated by Hurricanes Mitch and Georges; and relief for our Oklahoma and Kansas residents who were the victims of terrible tornadoes. These are emergencies that I believe Congress should be acting on in an expeditious manner.

But Mr. Speaker, I cannot support the \$15 billion funding package proposed in this Conference Agreement for H.R. 1141, because of the non-emergency items that are attached to it. There were plenty of non-emergency items attached by the House; and there were plenty of non-emergency items attached by the other body; but finally, there were even more non-emergency items attached by the conferees we sent to the conference table.

For example, the President asked for \$6 billion in emergency funding for Kosovo-related military and humanitarian needs; the House doubled that amount to \$12 billion; and our conferees somehow wrestled that up to \$15 billion. It's almost as if we think the longer we wait the more "late penalties" we have to pay. Given even more delay, I'm afraid this Conference Agreement would become the supplemental that ate the surplus.

Were our colleagues saving their so-called emergencies for a rainy day? On this rainy day, Mr. Speaker, it's raining money, which this provision is siphoning out of the Social Security trust fund. And I cannot support that misuse of power and abuse of the public's trust.

EQUAL ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to report to my colleagues the actions of the House Armed Services Committee. I want to commend the committee for the important step it has made toward providing equal access to reproductive health care for U.S. service-women and dependents.

During the committee's debate of the FY 2000 Department of Defense Authorization bill, I was proud to continue the work of my friend and our former colleague Congresswoman Jane Harman. I know my fellow Members join me in recognition of her efforts in this area.

The bill endorsed today by the committee safeguards abortion services for those whose pregnancies are due to rape and incest. This is good news for American soldiers and dependents, and it's good news for our armed forces.

I am disappointed that the committee chose to reverse the Personnel Subcommittee's bipartisan endorsement of my amendment to reverse the ban on privately funded abortions at U.S. military facilities overseas. Nevertheless, our fighting men and women—and their families—will benefit from the committee's decision today.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on the house floor to ensure that we make life

safer and healthier for our military women and dependents, because that makes for a better prepared, more able fighting force. This is indeed a major victory for our servicewomen and military families.

HONORING GORDON SOUTH

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a gifted and compassionate constituent of mine, Gordon South. Gordon has made a difference by volunteering his time and efforts to help protect and support the environment.

Throughout his life, Gordon has demonstrated his unswerving dedication to the earth and its inhabitants. Since the time he was eight years old, Gordon has committed his summers to helping Dr. Laura de Ghetaldi with her orphaned fawn and injured deer rehabilitation program south of Boulder. This has not always been an easy task. He has bottle fed injured deer, tracked down poachers who have shot re-released deer, and he has grieved when some of the deer died after valiant attempts to save their lives. Such was the case this year when a black bear mauled and killed all of the fawns and adult deer in the rehabilitation program.

In addition to his rehabilitation work, Gordon has participated in the Boulder County Junior Ranger Program committing long hours to repairing and building trailheads. He also volunteers in the surgical unit and the Foster Program at the Humane Society of Boulder County.

On top of his volunteerism, Gordon is a solid student at Fairview High School where he competes on the track and cross-country teams. After graduation this year, he plans to attend Colorado State University and one day become a veterinarian.

Mr. Speaker, as our nation is engaged in a dialogue about our youth and the causes of youth violence, we must not forget about those youngsters who are making worthy contributions to our communities. I take great pride in honoring Gordon South and his achievements, his passion for the earth its wildlife, and his future endeavors. His is a lesson we all can learn from.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT MITCHELL
LOWE

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 1999

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend, business associate, mentor, and father-in-law, Mr. Robert Mitchell Lowe.

Mr. Bob, as he was known in his home town of Gillett, AR, was born, raised, and lived the life of a gentleman by any and all definitions. He was a superb father and incomparable